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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING LORRAINE BURNS ON HER RETIREMENT ON FEBRUARY 1,  
2017, AFTER MANY YEARS OF DEVOTED AND TIRELESS SERVICE TO THE  
OLNEYVILLE COMMUNITY AND THE CITIZENS OF PROVIDENCE**

Introduced By: Representatives O`Grady, Williams, Regunberg, Walsh, and Perez

Date Introduced: January 26, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Lorraine Burns has dedicated much of her life in a noble quest to comfort  
2 and improve the daily quality of life for many folks who unfortunately live on the margins of  
3 society. Thanks to her, many people who might have had to miss meals and suffer from hunger  
4 and malnourishment were fed nourishing food served in a loving and understanding environment;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Ms. Burns has provided assistance mixed with doses of love and wisdom for  
7 more than twenty years to the residents of Olneyville in Providence. In the beginning, she ran a  
8 food pantry and meal program out of St. Teresa's Church. After the church closed, she continued  
9 her work, running a food pantry out of a store front on Manton Avenue. In 2013, the food pantry  
10 moved to a new multi-use building across the street from the original church and was renamed the  
11 Olneyville Food Center, with Lorraine Burns as the Supervisor; and

12           WHEREAS, From the beginning, Lorraine's food bank has been one of the largest in the  
13 City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island, serving 4,300 people a month, with close to  
14 half being children. The program is a member of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Ms.  
15 Burns was elected to the Food Bank's Board of Directors in 2004, and served on the Board for  
16 eight years. She has also served as a member of the Food Bank's Advisory Committee; now,  
17 therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Lorraine Burns on her retirement after many years of

1 dedicated and tireless service to the Olneyville community and the citizens of Providence; and be  
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Lorraine Burns.

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